

Morton Grove

Morton Grove proudly dates its founding to 1895, making it one of the oldest of Chicago's suburbs. The Morton Grove Historical Society plays an active role in preserving the community's links with its past. The Morton Grove Historical Museum was originally the home of one of the community's early residents and dates from 1888. The house was saved from demolition by the joint efforts of the Morton Grove Park District and the Historical Society and moved to its present location in Harrer Park. The Museum collects and displays articles significant to the area dating from the original settlers who came in the 1830s.

Morton Grove experienced its greatest growth spurt in the years following World War II. The population rose from under 4,000 in 1950 to over 20,000 in 1959. Although primarily a residential community, Morton Grove also has significant commercial and industrial areas. In addition, approximately 20% of the land in Morton Grove is owned by the Cook County Forest Preserve District, making it easy for residents to enjoy the many acres that have been set aside for open space and recreation. Morton Grove is also home to Prairie Nature Preserve, a 1.6 acre piece of true wilderness that is possibly the only bit of virgin land in Niles Township.

Parks and Recreation. Founded in 1951, the Morton Grove Park District administers ten facilities including two outdoor pools, four field houses, a state-of-the-art community center and 13 parks totaling 67 acres. Included in the parklands are multiple locations for basketball, volleyball, baseball and tennis plus several walking paths. Residents can also take advantage of year-round programs and classes for all ages.

Schools. Morton Grove students are served by Elementary school districts 63, 67, 68, 69 and 70. High School students attend Maine Township High School in district 207 as well as Niles North and Niles West High Schools in district 219. A number of private educational facilities also are available in the area.

Housing. Morton Grove traces its official housing start to an 1891 subdivision of homes established by two early residents. The residential community has thrived ever since and housing options are available in classic to contemporary styles including Colonials, ranches and split-levels. Condominium and townhome complexes are also available.

Transportation. Access to Chicago from Morton Grove is very easy access. Chicago's expressway system including the Edens Expressway (I-94) and The Tri-State Tollway (I-294). O'Hare Airport is approximately a 20 minute drive and Midway Airport is approximately 55 minutes away. Metra trains carry rail commuters downtown from the Morton Grove Station in 30 minutes. Local PACE bus service is also available.

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